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Forty-eighth Legislature  
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2008

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**JANICE K. BREWER**  
**SECRETARY OF STATE**

## **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 2071**

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION  
ON THE DEATH OF JOHN F. LONG.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 John F. Long died on February 29, 2008 at the age of eighty-seven.  
2 Born in Phoenix on May 17, 1920, John Long grew up on his family's  
3 farm. After graduating from Glendale High School in 1939, he sought work on  
4 the railroads before serving in the United States Army Air Forces during  
5 World War II. He worked as an engine mechanic on B-17s and B-24s and  
6 eventually saw duty in Italy. Following his discharge from the military in  
7 October 1945, he joined his father and brother in a construction business and  
8 briefly formed a landscaping business, but it wasn't until he launched a  
9 homebuilding business that his success took off.

10 In 1954, John Long started Maryvale, a master-planned community in west  
11 Phoenix and the first development of its kind in Arizona. He used innovative  
12 techniques that combined quality and affordability with practical housing  
13 needs and homey neighborhood design, and soon the development was selling  
14 hundreds of homes before they were even completed. John Long was devoted to  
15 the West Valley in Phoenix at a time when many were focusing on other parts  
16 of the valley, and he showed great foresight in implementing frugal energy  
17 and water use measures into his building endeavors whenever possible. His  
18 accomplishments garnered him the nickname "father of the West Valley."

19 Committed to the Phoenix community, John Long donated money, land and  
20 construction services to various worthwhile causes, including affordable  
21 housing, rehabilitation services, street maintenance and repair, and parks  
22 and libraries. At his own cost, he provided for classroom construction, a  
23 community swimming pool and hospital renovations, as well as various youth  
24 facilities, churches and food banks. Despite the demands of his business  
25 endeavors, he served on the Phoenix City Council, the Maricopa County Board  
26 of Health and the Glendale Union High School District board of trustees, as  
27 well as numerous other boards and committees. John Long gave freely of his  
28 time, energy and efforts and his tremendous philanthropy and commitment to  
29 Arizona earned him the respect and admiration of all who knew him.

30 In honor of his fifty years of public service, Arizona State University  
31 awarded John Long an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters in 1996, and in  
32 2000 he received the first Lifetime Achievement Award from WESTMARC for his  
33 contributions to western Maricopa County. His remarkable contributions to  
34 Phoenix will be felt and enjoyed by citizens for generations to come.

35 Dedicated to his family, John Long was preceded in death by his wife of  
36 fifty-one years, Mary. He will be greatly missed by his children, Manya,  
37 Shirley and Jake, his grandchildren, Jamie, Dan, Matt and Arron, his  
38 great-grandson, Abe, his many friends and the citizens of Arizona.

39 Therefore

40 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, the  
41 Senate concurring:

42 That the Members of the Legislature express sincere regret at the  
43 passing of John F. Long and extend their deepest condolences to his surviving  
44 family members.


~~UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE MARCH 13, 2008.~~

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UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE


March 13, 2008

  
Speaker of the House

Norman L. Moore  
Chief Clerk of the House

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE SENATE

March 13, 2008

  
President of the Senate

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Secretary of the Senate

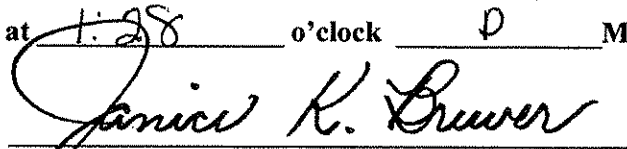
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Resolution received by the Secretary of State

this 17 day of March, 2008

H.C.R. 2071

at 1:28 o'clock P M.

  
Secretary of State